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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Wehrbein, may I ask a question? I wasn't up...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...to speed on the amendment. I have been under the impression that the amount that we were going to have to put into the veterans' home was going to be around \$8 million and I didn't hear your remarks on this amendment. Could you explain a little bit if there are going to be further expenditures other than what we're laying out here?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, the...Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Schimek, that discussion is on page 72...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and we, the way this is set up, it's not straight out in our capital construction budget. If you read the dialogue on page 72, that money will...the total estimated cost of the new facility is \$15.3 million, to comply with the standards...excuse me, of which \$5.7 million is state funds and \$9.5 million federal matching funds. If state funds are appropriated for 2003-04, then the federal match would be approved by August 1 of...October 1 of 2003. Construction would begin in 2005. What we have done is included in another bill, in a transfer that will come up later, that will have \$5.7 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund to fund that state match.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. I thank you for that explanation and I'm pleased to see this money in this budget in spite of hard times. I guess I've lost track a little bit of what's happening with this and I...has an actual site been selected?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't think it has. Senator Preister may have some comments on that. He was part of the task force also and I missed the last meeting that they had.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think it would be good if maybe Senator Preister would be able to respond to that question.